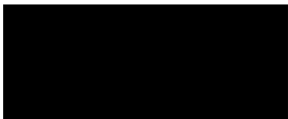


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DIARY NOTES

9 December 1958

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1. Jim Garrison told me that he believed he could, with overtime, clean up the backlog in the NIS Program before 1 July but was fearful that his "O1 money" would run out if he used so much for overtime. This confirmed what [REDACTED] had already told me and strengthened my position of not giving Printing and Reproduction any more positions at this time.

2. I talked to Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] about getting underway with the installation of our air conditioning program and asked them to get together very soon to try to agree on recommendations to be made to me as to where the additional funds could be obtained.

3. I attended a briefing by [REDACTED] and his people on the Office of Central Reference minicard setup. I was well impressed with the potential of such a program but most discouraged at its cost in both funds and personnel. It is possible to store the contents of fifty full-sized, four-drawer combination safes in a minicard container about one foot square and fifteen inches deep; however, OCR has only one set of this equipment which has just been received and which has cost us some \$350,000. In order to use this equipment to take care of all of their requirements an additional two or three sets at a cost of about \$1,000,000 per set would be required. Even more discouraging is the fact that to exploit this equipment an increase in their personnel ceiling of approximately one hundred people, without any decrease elsewhere, would be necessary until the present material on file could be transferred to minicards, which it is estimated would take five years. I am more convinced than ever before that we cannot afford to go forward with two separate and expensive memory storage systems. I believe that we must take a very strong hand in trying to develop a single system that could be used by the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) as well as the Office of the Deputy Director (Intelligence) and possibly by other Agency Components. Tentatively, it would appear to me that the system being developed by the O-DD/P could do the job for the O-DD/I, whereas the minicard system cannot do the job for the O-DD/P. I told [REDACTED] that I wanted to talk to him and [REDACTED] at a very early date to pursue this matter.

4. Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, told me today that he had been "loaned" to the Draper Committee for at least two or three months and would report for duty sometime after Christmas; however, he emphasized that he was not going as a representative of the Bureau but would presumably return to the Bureau after the Committee completed its work.

5. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that [REDACTED] was in town and I arranged to have lunch with them, Larry Houston and Gates on Wednesday and for the same group to have lunch with General Cabell and the Director on Thursday.

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25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] was in to see me for a few minutes and I got the impression that he
25X1A6a was very happy and doing a good job [REDACTED]. He warned me that [REDACTED] and his 25X1A9a
wife had not done at all well there, his Fitness Report would not be a good one and thought
that John would probably appeal to me and the Inspector General upon his return.

25X1A9a 7. I approved of Dr. Tietjen submitting recommendations for promotion to grade
GS-16 for Doctors [REDACTED] and to grade GS-14 for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] and I met with Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, to talk about Project
CORONA. Following additional consultations between Bob and Mr. Veatch of the Bureau,
Bob advised me that he would approve of the immediate release of \$2.5 million from the
Contingency Reserve for this Project and we agreed to defer requesting \$.5 million until
the effects on our part of the program as a result of certain cutbacks in the Department of
Defense had been determined. While there, we also speculated as to what effect Dick's
"follow-on" program would have on his present program. While it is impossible to predict
this within a degree of accuracy, it seems possible, if not probable, that the risk involved
in using the present equipment would become so great by the latter part of 1960 that it may
not be worthwhile continuing this project at which time we would presumably turn over this
capability to the Strategic Air Command. In connection with the "follow-on" program we
also discussed the estimated dates of obligations in case this program is approved. Dick's
estimate was not as optimistic as my own -- he believed that he would need \$5 or \$6 million
in April or May of Fiscal Year 1959 and that most of the remainder of the funds would be re-
quired during the middle of Fiscal Year 1960. While there we also obtained oral approval
from Bob to release \$2,550,000 from the Contingency Reserve for Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2d2

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